

all families' connections. As we gather with our families this Thanksgiving, let us remember the special connections that help our families thrive and encourage one another, our neighbors, our businesses, and our organizations to reach out to families in new ways and honor the special gifts each can bring to our communities and to one another.

TRIBUTE TO REVEREND DOCTOR  
WALLACE S. HARTSFIELD ON  
HIS 37TH ANNIVERSARY AS PAS-  
TOR OF METROPOLITAN MIS-  
SIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

**HON. KAREN MCCARTHY**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Ms. MCCARTHY of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I rise today to bring to your attention, and to the attention of the House, the outstanding work and commitment of Rev. Dr. Wallace Hartsfield for more than 50 years of preaching to church congregations, serving the last 37 years as pastor of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church in Kansas City, Missouri.

Reverend Hartsfield was born in Atlanta, Georgia, November 13, 1929. He was an only child, raised by his mother, Ruby Morrissatte. After a 3-year tour of duty in the United States Army, he attended Clark College in Atlanta and in 1954 he received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Clark College. He received a Master of Divinity degree from Gammon Theological Seminary in Atlanta in 1957. His first pastorate was at a Baptist church in Pickens, South Carolina.

Reverend Hartsfield is a former chairman of the Congress of National Black Churches, which represents 65,000 churches and 20 million members. Reverend Hartsfield is also the former chairman of the Economic Development Commission of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; second vice president of the National Baptist Convention of America, Inc.; president of the Greater Kansas City Chapter of Operation PUSH; and an adjunct professor of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas. Reverend Hartsfield is married to Matilda Hopkins and on August 28 of this year they celebrated their 46th wedding anniversary. Reverend and Mrs. Hartsfield are the proud parents of four wonderful children: Pamela Faith, Danise Hope, Ruby Love, and Wallace S. Hartsfield II.

I have known Reverend Hartsfield over the years through his extensive involvement in the community. He has been a leader in many worthwhile causes and a wonderful role model for our city's youth and young adults.

His leadership was invaluable in redeveloping a blighted part of Kansas City when he led the Baptist Ministers' Union of Kansas City in their efforts to demolish the old St. Joseph's Hospital and replace it with a much needed new shopping center, the Linwood Shopping Center. Residents of the city's central core had to travel some distances to buy groceries, drop off dry cleaning, or to have a prescription filled before the new development became a reality. Reverend Hartsfield successfully led the charge to secure sufficient investment capital for the project when resources for new development in that area of the city were scarce.

He also was instrumental in the construction of a low income 60 unit housing development known as Metropolitan Homes, in that same geographical area. He was involved in faith based initiatives long before it was on the national agenda.

Reverend Hartsfield recently chaired the capital fund campaign to expand and update Kansas City's Swope Parkway Health Center, which provides invaluable assistance to many people who could not otherwise afford or have access to quality, state of the art health care. Millions of dollars were raised and the new health center stands as a testament to the untiring efforts of committed and dedicated people like Reverend Hartsfield.

Reverend Hartsfield has received numerous awards, among them the One Hundred Most Influential Award from the Kansas City Globe newspaper; the Greater Kansas City Image Award presented by the Urban League; the Minister of the Year Award from the Baptist Ministers Union of Kansas City; a Public Service Award from the Ad Hoc Group Against Crime; the Role Model for Youth Award from Penn Valley Community College and the Community Service Award from Kansas City, Missouri.

Additionally, he was named "One of the Top 50 Ministers in America," by Upscale magazine of Atlanta, GA and he received an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from both Western Baptist Bible College in Kansas City and also from the Virginia Seminary and College of Lynchburg, VA. Further, Reverend Hartsfield is a member of the board of directors for the national organization of Operation PUSH, and the Morehouse School of Religion in Atlanta, GA, among others.

This weekend in Kansas City, we are celebrating Reverend Hartsfield's 37th anniversary as pastor at the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, and recognizing all of his critically important work and the leadership he has provided in the community for nearly four decades. Reverend Hartsfield loves people and he loves helping people. He has made a difference in the city he calls home, Kansas City, and we are proud to honor him as one of our outstanding citizens.

Mr. Speaker, please join me, the congregation of the Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, the family of Reverend Hartsfield, and the citizens of Kansas City, Missouri in congratulating Reverend Hartsfield on his 37 years of service to his church and many more years of service to his community.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO DUSTY  
SCHULZE

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute today to Corporal Dusty Schulze of Craig, Colorado. Dusty is a police officer with the Craig Police Department, whose recent selflessness and courage in coming to the aid of his fellow Coloradans demonstrated tremendous heroism. I, along with the citizens of Colorado, am proud of Dusty's extraordinary valor. It is appropriate to pay tribute to his actions before this body of Congress and this Nation.

On September 17th of this year, Dusty responded to a fire in a Craig apartment building. Risking his own safety, Dusty entered the building directly below the fire to search for people stuck inside. When all of the tenants were out of the building, Dusty assisted the paramedics and firemen in administering medical care to the injured.

Dusty's courageous and altruistic acts were no surprise to those who know him well. Dusty is a natural born leader and a brave and caring police officer. His genuine concern for the citizens of Craig is unwavering, and his remarkable actions that September day did not go unnoticed. The Craig City Council recently awarded Dusty a Meritorious Commendation, one of the highest honors a Craig Police Officer can receive.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise and pay tribute to Dusty Schulze, a man whose actions are the very essence of all that makes this country great. It is in times of tragedy that true heroes emerge, and I am proud to say that Dusty Schulze is a hero, not only to those he saved, but also to his community, state and nation. It is with a great deal of pride that I stand to honor him today.

INTRODUCTION OF THE POST OF-  
FICE COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP  
ACT

**HON. EARL BLUMENAUER**

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, one reason I came to Congress is to make the federal government be a better partner to communities. One of the simplest ways to achieve that objective does not require new rules or regulations for local or state governments, and it does not require massive outlays of our budget driving us even deeper into deficit. The simplest answer is for the federal government to follow the same rules that all others must follow.

To this end, I am reintroducing the Post Office Community Partnership Act. This bill outlines minimum community contact procedures that the United States Postal Service must pursue for any proposed closing, consolidation, relocation, or construction of a post office. Simply put, the bill requires the Postal Service to comply with local zoning, planning, or other land use laws.

This legislation has had the bipartisan support of the majority of the House of Representatives. Once, it even passed the Senate only to become the victim of the politics of postal reform. In recent sessions there have been efforts at more comprehensive legislation that all include some variation of this bill as an enticement for passage. The pressure from our legislation has in fact encouraged some within the Postal Service to make significant progress. I've met with members of the Board of Governors of the U.S. Postal Service, the Postal Rate Commissioners, and the National League of Postmasters, and they have made progress. There are outstanding examples of where they have worked with the local community to make the post office an integral part of a downtown or main street.

It is time, however, to make this relationship something that every community can count on.

It is time to make this relationship part of the Postal Service's regular activities. It should not be an exception, it should not require luck or extraordinary political action, and there should be no variation in the commitment to providing the finest examples of being a part of each and every community.

There has been a recent report from the President's Commission on the United States Postal Service that is going to prompt more discussion and analysis of postal operations. Now is the time to act on this key element that is the most important single item that this Congress can do to guarantee the Postal Service is a better partner. Congress has the opportunity to set the tone for the Postal Service and federal government to become a full partner in the livability of our communities, leading by example so our families are safer, healthier, and more economically secure.

#### PAYING TRIBUTE TO JIM DIEHL

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pride that I pay tribute today to Jim Diehl of Craig, Colorado. Jim recently risked his life in order to assist members of the Craig police department in the evacuation of a burning apartment complex. It was in this time of dire emergency that Jim's gallantry shone through and he proved himself a true hero. I am proud to call Jim's extraordinary acts to the attention of this body of Congress.

On September 17, Jim found himself outside the flame-engulfed Alpine Apartment complex in Craig. Realizing lives were in danger, Jim ran into the burning building to search for people trapped inside. Throughout the fire, Jim ran from room to room removing tenants from harm's path. For his brave and selfless act, the Craig City Council awarded Jim a Citizen Commendation.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored today to rise and pay tribute to a man whose actions are the very essence of all that makes this country great. Jim Diehl risked death in order to save the lives of fellow Americans. His acts are the embodiment of heroism and it is with a great deal of pride that I stand to honor him today.

#### FOAM FIRE SAFETY ACT

##### HON. JAMES R. LANGEVIN

OF RHODE ISLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, today I am joined by three of my colleagues in introducing the "Foam Fire Safety Act" to reduce the injuries, deaths, and property damage that result from polyurethane foam fires. This sensible legislation directs the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) to implement a rule within one year that ensures that polyurethane foam products meet a new open flame standard. The new level of protection will decrease the destructiveness of fires in homes and buildings around the country and prevent unnecessary tragedies.

Polyurethane foam is found in mattresses, upholstered furniture, carpet padding, sound-

proofing insulation, and many other common objects. It is also one of the most flammable consumer products, and firefighters refer to polyurethane foam as "solid gasoline." Between 1980 and 1998, mattress, bedding, and upholstered furniture fires killed almost 30,000 people in the United States. During the same period, these fires injured more than 95,000 people.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) first began looking into creating stricter flame retardancy standards for foam in 1993. Ten years later, the process continues without results, and Americans are left without common sense standards similar to those already in place in California and Great Britain. My legislation requires foam to meet a new "open flame" test, which is equivalent to having a candle right next to the foam. Currently mattresses and furniture must only be able to withstand the equivalent of a lit cigarette.

Polyurethane foam serves as kindling for fires, and a stricter standard would prevent deaths and property damage. In my district, polyurethane soundproofing foam contributed to the deaths of 100 people at the Station nightclub fire in West Warwick, Rhode Island, on February 20, 2003. Because of the abundance of foam, the building was engulfed in flames within 3 minutes, and firefighters who were located just down the street could not arrive in time to save everyone.

I urge my colleagues to join me and the other co-sponsors of this bill to reduce the risk of polyurethane foam fires. Please co-sponsor this responsible measure, and help make American homes and workplaces safer.

#### NEW TOOLS NEEDED TO SUPPORT UROLOGIC HEALTH

##### HON. JAMES A. LEACH

OF IOWA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. LEACH. Mr. Speaker, each fall, the American Foundation for Urologic Diseases sponsors Prostate Health Month to remind people about the importance of maintaining good urologic health.

Prostate Cancer Awareness Week was held September 14–21 and urologists around the country offered free screenings for prostate cancer, the second leading cause of cancer deaths in men. Encouraging reports indicate these cancers are being found at an earlier and more curable stage, resulting in a decline in prostate cancer death rates. Sadly, we also know that prostate cancer screening tests are not perfect and that the causes of other prostatic diseases, like prostatitis, still elude our full understanding.

This problem is not limited to prostate diseases. Many other urologic conditions, such as painful bladder disease and interstitial cystitis, require further research. No gender, age or ethnic group is immune to these diseases.

The key to addressing these and other challenges to good urologic health is more and better research. Of particular importance is research supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH). Congress has doubled the NIH budget over the last five years, providing our best scientists new resources for attacking these problems. Given the widespread impact of urologic diseases, however, the basic science research effort continues to lag.

H.R. 1002, the Training and Research in Urology Act, was introduced to provide urologic scientists the tools they need to find new cures. It will create a Division of Urology at the National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, the home of the urology basic science program, and expand existing research mechanisms, like the successful George O'Brien Urology Research Centers. This will give NIH new opportunities for investment in efforts to combat and vanquish these diseases.

Millions of men and women are afflicted by these diseases. I urge my colleagues to join me as cosponsors of H.R. 1002.

#### TRIBUTE TO MANUAL HERNANDEZ

##### HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I pay tribute to Manual Hernandez of Grand Junction, Colorado. Manual's selfless and courageous acts demonstrated tremendous heroism when he came to the aid of a fellow Coloradan. I am proud of Manual's extraordinary valor, and believe it appropriate to pay tribute to his actions before this body of Congress and this nation.

While eating breakfast in a Grand Junction restaurant, Manual heard a cry for help. Without hesitation, he rose to his feet and went to the rescue. Outside, Manual found an eight-year-old girl trapped beneath the tire of a car. He quickly recruited two additional men to help lift the vehicle. The men, fueled by a desire to save the young girl, raised the vehicle with Herculean strength and pulled her to safety. She is now recovering in a Grand Junction hospital.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to rise before this body of Congress and this country, to pay tribute to Manual Hernandez, a humble and remarkable human being who risked his own life to save another. I join my colleagues in thanking Manual for his tremendous act of heroism.

#### TRIBUTE TO PERKINS T. SHELTON

##### HON. JIM DAVIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, November 4, 2003*

Mr. DAVIS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise in honor of Perkins T. Shelton, a relentless fighter for equal rights and equal representation.

Perkins Shelton came to St. Petersburg thirty years ago and was a driving force in our community ever since. A leader in the St. Petersburg branch of the NAACP, he was elected secretary of the branch at the age of 88. Mr. Shelton was a mentor to numerous black leaders in the community and was a constant voice encouraging blacks to become active in the political process.

Most notably, Perkins Shelton left an indelible mark on our voting system. After successfully fighting to replace Florida's multi-member legislative districts with single-member districts, Mr. Shelton worked to obtain equal representation in Pinellas County. A driving force